

REMARKS

Claims 44 and 46-51 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 44 is amended to even more clearly distinguish over the applied references, and withdrawn claims 2-15, 17-25, 27-32 and 35-43 have been canceled. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, on page 152 line 11 to page 154 line 15 of the specification. No new matter is added.

This Amendment should be entered after final rejection at least because: (i) it places this application in condition for allowance or at least better condition for appeal; (ii) it does not raise new issues because it clarifies features already in the claims and previously argued; and (iii) it does not add any claims. The amendment was not made earlier because it is made based on discussions with the Examiner during the interview discussed below.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives by Examiner Kumar at the August 2, 2007 personal interview, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

Claims 44 and 46-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Travis (U.S. Patent No. 5,132,839) in view of Hattori et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,689,316) (Hattori). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 44 has been amended to further clarify the claim, as suggested by the Examiner. The claim now clearly recites that the plurality of two-dimensional images are formed pixel by pixel. Forming only one pixel at a time amongst the plural images, so as to form a pixel for each two-dimensional image before forming the subsequent pixel of each image, is now recited in claim 44. This technique is repeated until all the pixels of all the images are formed. This is not disclosed or suggested in the references.

With regard to independent claim 49, the references fail to disclose, "wherein the three-dimensional image forming means has a region in which position information used for controlling the positions of incidence of the light emitted by the two dimensional image forming means is recorded." The applied references do not record any position information on their respective three-dimensional image forming means.

In view of the above, all pending claims are patentable. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 44 and 46-51 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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